

# Regulations NWO Physics Valorisation Prize

## **Aim of the prize**

The NWO Physics Valorisation Prize has been established to encourage the valorisation of physics research. The prize is awarded to a Dutch researcher (or research group) in the field of physics who has succeeded in making the results from his/her research useful for society. The prize is a tribute, and serves as an inspiring example for others.

## *The prize*

The winner receives a sum of k€ 250. From this sum, k€ 235 is earmarked for a research project of the winner's choice that has a duration of two to four years. The remaining k€ 15 can be used entirely as the winner wishes. The prize is awarded each year.

## **Candidacy**

The NWO Physics Valorisation Prize is aimed at researchers who are active in the field of physics and who have a tenured contract at a Dutch publicly-funded research institute. Suitable candidates have achieved outstanding results with the valorisation of their own research and are in a position to continue performing at a top level for some time, bearing in mind the expenditure period of the prize. Anybody can nominate candidates (a researcher or a group of researcher) by means of a written submission to the director of FOM (before 1 januari 2017) , or NWO-ENW (after 1 januari 2017), addressed to Jeroen van Houwelingen. This should provide a clearly argued description of the candidate's achievements in the area of valorising physics with due attention to the assessment criteria. The nomination should be accompanied by a recent CV and a completed nomination form. Only candidates who have not received the prize earlier are eligible for consideration. The list of candidates will not be published.

## **Assessment criteria**

The following criteria will be used for the selection of the winner:

- the commitment of the candidate to valorisation;
- the success of the valorisation efforts made;
- the recognition the valorisation has gained in society.

## **Selection procedure**

### *Selection committee*

The selection committee comprises five experts from industry and academia who are chosen by the accredited board of NWO. Chair and committee members are appointed for a period of three years. This committee has the task of issuing an advice to the Executive Board about the awarding of the prize based on the assessment criteria.

### *Awarding*

The accredited board of NWO takes a decision about the awarding of the prize based on the selection committee's advice. The selection procedure is confidential, and no correspondence is entered into concerning the outcome of the selection.

### *Timeframe*

- The deadline for nominations is 1 April.
- The winner is announced in mid-September.
- The prize is awarded in January at Physics@Veldhoven.

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